son to give this reply now. We were asked to expect for the reply and now why should it be confidential?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Then that report was not received.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What is the delay in passing final orders in the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question is under consideration. There is no special reason.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Are not the Government aware that in British India they do not give any preference to European qualifications?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I want notice.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Sir, is it a question that deserves 'Notice'. Is not the Government expected to know such things?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The matter is under consideration of the Government and no final orders have yet been passed. That is only what I can say.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, I wanted to ask some questions on question No. 12?

President.—No, it is over.

Chalakkudi Hospital—accommodation for in-patients.

14. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the number of beds in the Chalakkudi Hospital;

(2) the number of in-patients in the hospital on 3rd Edavam 1109;

(3) whether their attention has been drawn to the fact that patients are lying on cots and ground in a shed near the road exposed to public sight;

(4) whether there are not many buses and cars and carts going every day along the road to the east of the hospital;

(5) whether it is not dangerous that these patients should be inhaling the dust caused by the running of these vehicles;

(6) whether they have received any complaint from the owners of the neighbouring fields regarding the dumping of the night soil in their fields?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) 32.

(2) 50.

(3) Yes. Patients have to be admitted into the shed for want of sufficient space in the main block.

(4) Yes.

(5) Only such cases that are harmless and mild, are allowed to lie on the verandah facing the road.

(6) No.

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Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—How many feet are there between the road and the verandah?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—15.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Do they intend to increase the number of beds?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Not at present.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it the opinion of the Chief Medical Officer that some patients can harmlessly inhale dust? (*Laughter*).

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I want to explain. There is no public road there as a rule. Just before the monsoon for the convenience of the railway a diversion was made there and then there was a public road. At present it is closed and there is no dust.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is the Chief Medical Officer quite sure that there is no public road there?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is a blind road going to the riverbed.

Inmates in the Lunatic Asylum.

15. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many inmates are there in the Lunatic Asylum;

(2) of these how many males and how many females;

(3) what are the duties of the Assistant Surgeon now attached to the Asylum;

(4) what is the aim of the Government in posting a senior Assistant Surgeon in preference to a Sub-Assistant Surgeon;

(5) how many of the lunatics attend the medical side every day?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) 122.

(2) 86 males and 36 females.

(3) To be in sole charge of the administration of the hospital and to look after the health of the patients.

(4) A Sub-Assistant Surgeon was put in charge when the number of patients was small. But now the importance of the Institution is growing and Government considered that a professional man with higher qualifications and status would be better than a Sub-Assistant Surgeon.

(5) About 25 to 30 patients.

Petition of the Chittur Goddess Bhagavathi.

16. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they received a petition of the Chittur Goddess Bhagavathi dated 15th November 1933;

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